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SB 1411: early ballots; tracking system Sponsor: Senator Mesnard, LD 17
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Overview

Directs a county that uses early ballots to provide for an early ballot tracking system.

History

The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is charged with the comparison of signatures of electors when the early ballot and completed affidavit are received. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections compares the signatures with the signature on the elector's registration form. If satisfied that the signatures correspond, the county recorder must hold the ballot unopened in accordance with the rules of the Secretary of State.

Until delivered pursuant to statute, the county recorder is required to keep the early ballots and affidavits in office and the tallying of the ballots may begin immediately after the envelope and completed affidavit are processed and delivered to the early election board (A.R.S. § 16-550).

Provisions

- 1. Instructs the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections in a county that uses early ballots to provide an early ballot tracking system that indicates:
 - a) Whether the voter's early ballot has been received; and
 - b) Whether the voter's early ballot has been verified and sent for tabulation or rejection. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Requires the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to provide voters with access to the early ballot tracking system on the website of the county. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2023 to the Secretary of State for enhancements to the Arizona voter information database to provide for the prescribed early ballot tracking. (Sec. 2)
- 4. Contains a delayed effective date for the early ballot tracking system of January 1, 2024. (Sec. 3)
- 5. Makes a conforming change. (Sec. 1)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)	☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note